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C O N F I D E N T I A L BERLIN 1714

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: AMENDMENT OF EAST GERMAN CONSTITUTION

REF: BERLIN 1705

1. ONLY SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN GDR CONSTITUTIONAL AT
SEPTEMBER 27 MEETING OF VOLKSKAMMER CONSISTED OF REMOVAL
OF REFERENCES TO "GERMAN NATION." IN APPROVING CHANGES
SUGGESTED IN SED PROPOSAL SIGNED BY HONECKER, VOLKSKAMMER
CHANGED WORDING IN PREAMBLE, ARTICLE 1 AND ARTICLE 8 TO
REFLECT "HISTORICAL TRANSFORMATIONS," SPECIFICALLY
INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION AND SOVEREIGNTY, KEY PHRASE
IN ARTICLE I DESCRIBING GDR AS "SOCIALIST STATE OF THE
GERMAN NATION" NOW READS "SOCIALIST STATE OF WORKERS AND
PEASANTS." PARAGRAPH 2 OF ARTICLE 8, WHICH MENTIONED
GERMAN NATION AND REUNIFICATION UNDER SOCIALISM, NOW
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ELIMINATED ENTIRELY AND REPLACED WITH DESCRIPTION OF GDR

AS "INSEPARABLE COMPONENT OF SOCIALIST COMMUNITY." THESE
CHANGES GO INTO EFFECT ON GDR 25TH ANNIVERSARY, OCTOBER 7.

2. OTHER VOLKSKAMMER DECISIONS INCLUDE: EXTENSION OF
VOLKSKAMMER TERMS FROM 4 TO 5 YEARS, LOWERING OF MINIMUM
AGE FOR ELECTION TO VOLKSKAMMER FROM 21 TO 18 YEARS AND
INCORPORATION INTO CONSTITUTION OF NEW SECTION DECLARING
STATE WILL PROMOTE AND ENCOURAGE PRIVATE WORK OF
ARTISANS.

3. THERE HAVE BEEN NO REPEAT NO UNTOWARD EVENTS ON THE AUTOBAHN.

4. USCOB CONCURS.KLEIN

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